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## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 5 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2010 totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 5 percent from August of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2010 period totaled 134.9 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009. Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 6 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down 1 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago. January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

## Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2010 as % of 2009
California	137.3	144.1	146.9	107
Colorado	176.8	178.3	183.4	104
Idaho	18.3	17.0	17.4	95
Illinois	236.1	208.1	225.7	96
Iowa	586.3	496.3	524.6	89
Kansas	450.6	465.6	485.0	108
Minnesota	212.4	216.8	222.8	105
Montana	1.3	1.3	1.5	115
Nebraska	593.4	600.4	603.5	102
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	63
Oklahoma	89.6	90.3	95.3	106
Oregon	5.1	4.4	5.3	104
South Dakota	75.4	72.9	81.9	109
Texas	430.7	434.5	448.4	104
Utah	36.1	38.3	39.8	110
Washington	66.6	73.8	75.6	113
Wyoming	0.9	0.5	0.8	94
United States	4,077.0	3,956.4	4,126.5	101

1/Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

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## Idaho's 2009 Potato Crop Valued at \$855 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2009 potato crop was \$855 million, surpassing 2008's record value of \$833 million by \$21.8 million. The market year average price received by growers was \$6.45 per cwt, down from last year's record \$7.15 per cwt. Fresh prices averaged \$4.25 per cwt, a sharp drop from the previous year, but market year average processing prices were at a record \$7.70 per cwt. Idaho's growers sold 122 million cwt from their 2009 crop while using 1.00 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 9.20 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 37.2 million cwt of the 2009 crop, up 21 percent from the 2008 crop, and processing accounted for 71.5 million cwt, up 5 percent from the 2008 crop. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 79.4 million cwt of 2009 crop potatoes compared to 77.3 million cwt used in 2008. Of the total processed, 71.5 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 54.0 percent of Idaho's production compared to 58.5 percent of the 2008 crop. Idaho's 2009 production of 133 million cwt accounted for 34 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 394

million cwt. The Pacific Northwest: Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, collectively, totaled 241 million cwt or 61 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

For the United States, the value of all potatoes produced from the 2009 crop is estimated at \$3.52 billion, down 7 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.19 per cwt, is down \$0.90 from 2008. Sales from the 2009 potato crop totaled 398 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2008. Processors used 256 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2009 crop, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Table stock sales totaled 115 million cwt, 5 percent above the previous year. Seed sales of 20.2 million cwt are down 3 percent from 2008. Sales for livestock feed, at 6.53 million cwt, are eight times more than the previous year. Shrinkage and loss are estimated at 29.1 million cwt for 2009, up 10 percent from 2008. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown and home use totaled 1.19 million cwt, 44 percent above the previous season. Growers kept 3.35 million cwt for seed on their own farms, 1 percent higher than a year earlier.

## Idaho Set Record Level Milk Production

Idaho milk production during August 2010 totaled 1.15 billion pounds, a record level production. This is a 7.8 percent increase from the same month last year and up slightly from July 2010. July 2010 milk production was revised to 1.14 billion pounds, up 21 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in August 2010 was 2,000 pounds, up 60 pounds from August 2009. The average number of milk cows during August was 573,000 head, up 25,000 from August 2009 and up 4,000 from July 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from August 2009. July production, unrevised at 15.3 billion pounds, was up 3.0 percent from July 2009. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,796 pounds for August, 51 pounds above August 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.36 million head, 10,000 head less than August 2009, and 8,000 head less than July 2010.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	171	180	1,790	1,765	306	318	3.9
California	1,782	1,745	1,820	1,950	3,243	3,403	4.9
Colorado	123	120	1,950	2,025	240	243	1.3
Florida	114	114	1,325	1,360	151	155	2.6
Idaho	548	573	1,940	2,000	1,063	1,146	7.8
Illinois	102	99	1,530	1,495	156	148	-5.1
Indiana	167	169	1,670	1,695	279	286	2.5
Iowa	215	207	1,700	1,720	366	356	-2.7
Kansas	117	120	1,745	1,725	204	207	1.5
Michigan	355	359	1,910	1,935	678	695	2.5
Minnesota	469	470	1,620	1,605	760	754	-0.8
Missouri	106	99	1,180	1,150	125	114	-8.8
New Mexico	320	318	2,000	2,025	640	644	0.6
New York	618	611	1,690	1,790	1,044	1,094	4.8
Ohio	278	270	1,570	1,640	436	443	1.6
Oregon	114	118	1,650	1,705	188	201	6.9
Pennsylvania	545	541	1,610	1,670	877	903	3.0
Texas	420	415	1,680	1,695	706	703	-0.4
Utah	83	85	1,835	1,860	152	158	3.9
Vermont	135	139	1,520	1,545	205	215	4.9
Virginia	96	95	1,450	1,475	139	140	0.7
Washington	237	252	1,995	2,015	473	508	7.4
Wisconsin	1,257	1,263	1,730	1,730	2,175	2,185	0.5
23 State Total	8,372	8,362	1,745	1,796	14,606	15,019	2.8

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2010 totaled 185,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is unchanged from August 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 46,000 head, up 4,000 head from August 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during August totaled 45,000 head, up 5,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during August.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on September 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.27 million, 7 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.22 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during August, 16 percent below 2009.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>

State	September 1, 2009	August 1, 2010	September 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of August
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	275	248	240	87	97
California	455	435	435	96	100
Colorado	860	890	890	103	100
Idaho	195	185	185	95	100
Iowa	510	560	560	110	100
Kansas	2,050	2,040	2,200	107	108
Nebraska	2,020	1,960	2,050	101	105
Oklahoma	325	335	355	109	106
South Dakota	185	200	195	105	98
Texas	2,530	2,520	2,550	101	101
Washington	140	161	167	119	104
Other States	355	339	346	97	102
United States	9,900	9,873	10,173	103	103

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2010 totaled 824 million pounds, down 1 percent from July 31, 2010, and down 9 percent from August 31, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 221 million pounds, decreased 3 percent from the previous month's stocks but increased 14 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2010 totaled 152 million pounds, down 22 percent from the end of the previous month and down 42 percent from August 31, 2009. Stocks of American cheese totaled 625 million pounds, down 2 percent from July 31, 2010, but up 4 percent from August 31, 2009.

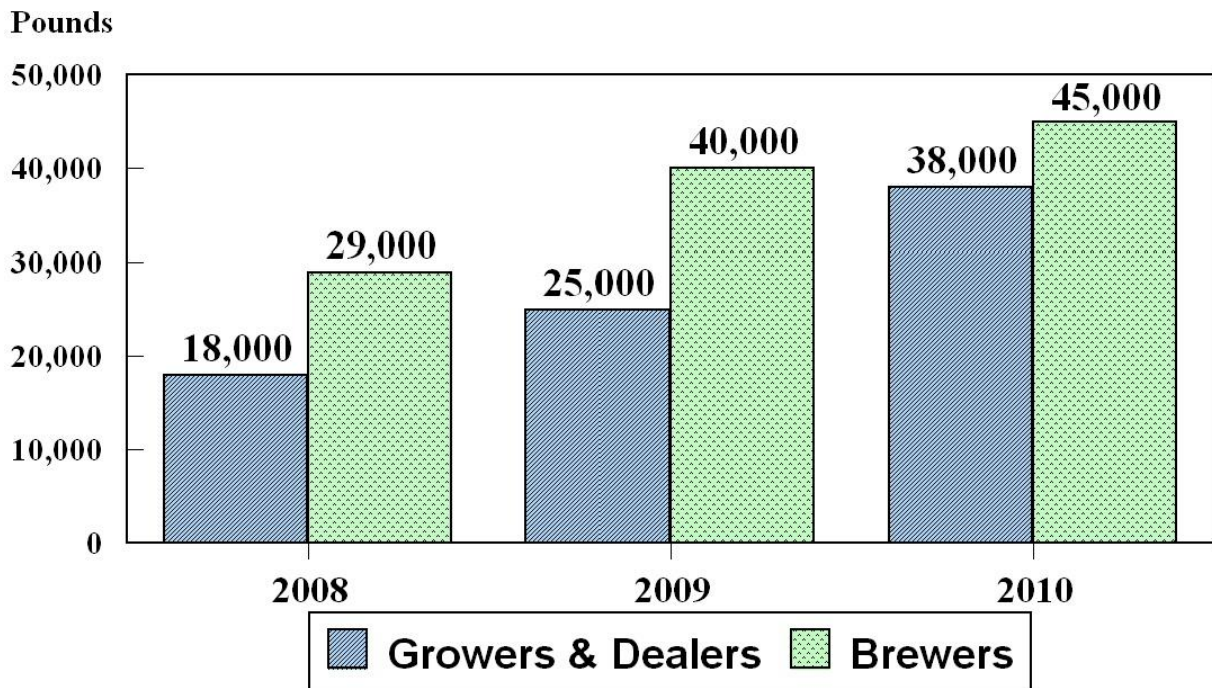
Commodity	Aug 31, 2009	Jul 31, 2010	Aug 31, 2010	2010
				2009
POTATOES:	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
French Fries	900,912	836,047	823,536	91
Other Frozen	193,926	227,900	220,539	114
TOTAL	1,094,838	1,063,947	1,044,075	95
DAIRY:				
Butter	259,578	193,506	151,839	58
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	598,710	639,463	624,633	104

## September 1 Hop Stocks Up 28 Percent From Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2010 totaled 83.0 million pounds, down 19 percent from March but 28 percent more than September 1, 2009 stocks. This is the highest September 1 inventory on record.

Stocks held by brewers, at 45.0 million pounds, were up 13 percent from a year ago. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2010 were 38.0 million pounds, up 52 percent from the stocks on hand last year.

### UNITED STATES HOP INVENTORY (September 1, 2008-2010) 1/



1/ Includes equivalent pounds of dry hops held in form of extract or pellets.  
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